Global Centre for Corporate Governance at Hyderabad

4134. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have been requested by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to consider setting up of a Global Centre for Corporate Governance at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, by when the Global Centre is expected to be set up by the Central Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) No proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of Global Centre for Corporate Governance at Hyderabad has been received for consideration.

Funds for improvement of export infrastructure

4135. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the Central Government gearing up to give a big push to exports, State Governments have been provided Rs. 300 crore in Budget 2001-02 for developing export infrastructure;

(b) if so, whether after discussion with the Finance and Commerce and Industry Ministries, any concrete proposals have been worked out;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) to what extent States have been able to utilise this Rs. 300 crore for improving export infrastructure; and

(e) how many States have so far taken action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has worked out a "Scheme for Central Assistance to the States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Other Allied Activities". The scheme provides for

assistance to the States on the basis of their existing exports as well as on the basis of incremental growth in exports. The funds may be used by the State for the development of cold chains from the farms to the ports/airports and setting up of primary processing centres for grading, packaging etc. for promoting agro exports, development of complementary infrastructure such as roads connecting the production centres with the ports, creation of new export promotion industrial parks and augmenting facilities in the existing ones, research, development and marketing including development of design centres of State specific ethnic products etc.

A provisions of Rs. 97 crore has been proposed for this scheme in the budget for 2001-02. The question of distribution of this amount amongst States and its utilisation by them will arise only after this provisions is formally approved.

Export targets in Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans

4136. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to increase export during Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans;

b) whether steps are being taken to give further boost to export;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the target fixed for the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) Increasing exports in the plan periods is a constant endeavour of the Government. Towards this, a number of steps have been taken to enhance the export growth which include reduction in transaction costs through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions. Special Economic Zones are being set up to further boost the exports. Measures announced in the new Exim Policy 2001-02 *inter alia* include promotion of agricultural exports, measures related to Special